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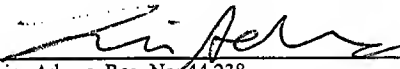
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Applicants submit this paper in response to the Final Office Action dated June 5, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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